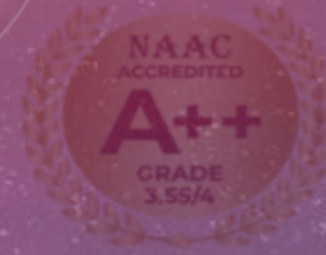


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WAY FORWARD

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ASPIRATIONS IN MY OPENING REMARKS

We need to network among the OUs, especially to share our knowledge and learn from each other. Perhaps, it exists in spirit but not in letters. Have we thought about coming together in the form of an Association of Indian Open Universities?

There is a lot spoken about universities and their constituent colleges in NEP 2020. While we are OUs, do we also consider OCs? Is the concept helpful? Who do we handhold and support? Can we move beyond our own study centres to embrace a big brother role in producing OCs in every district of our nation?

Can we take a cue from NEP 2020 and look at credit transfers within our OUs, if these are already not in place. Can this forum think through the implications and benefits of such a cooperation?

Can we, by way of collaboration, identify a niche subject or topic for each of our OUs and become leaders in our rights. Can each of our OUs anchor a particular programme in which others rally behind?

Can we think through the cluster approach outlined in NEP 2020?

RIDING ON THE ONGOING EFFORTS

RPL
Implementation

NAAC
Experience
Sharing

Institutional
and
national
OER
Repositories

Inclusive
Education
practices

AI-enabled
Student
helpdesk

MoU
with
Govt
Agencies

Choice-
based Credit
System
Students'
App

**Blended
Learning and
OER Policies
template**

**Benchmarking
Framework of
HBMSU**

FOUR CONCRETE MEASURES



One OU Many
Products



VCs Forum, an
annual feature



OUs Credit Transfer
Framework



Consortium of OUs
as a collective




CONSORTIUM OF OU

- To serve as a voice for OUs
- To coordinate organizing annual fora

To bring out a newsletter (periodicity to be decided)

To be a clearing house (gather MOUs and other instruments for use by one another)

To develop a knowledge system – projects, experts, surveys, briefing notes, etc



Ahmedabad Declaration (to be proposed soon)

THANK YOU!

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